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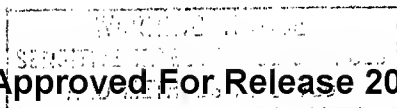


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C. Personal message sent from Knoche to [REDACTED]
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As you doubtless aware the DIA Intelligence Summary piece concerning revised size of Soviet military establishment has raised number of concerns and questions in Brussels and Vienna. It is our understanding new figures will not Rpt not result in upward revision NGA totals for MBFR purposes and we have tried to answer Resor/Dean inquiries with that understanding.



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Implications of 800,000 increase ^{gues} beyond MBFR and run a rather full gamut of concerns, not the least of which is impact on estimates of Soviet military expenditures.

Subject is one that calls for fullest possible consideration and study by both DIA and CIA, and meetings are taking place here this week. You know I have neither desire nor right to restrain DIA from breaking a story like this but I would hope for future forewarning (and chance to comment) on pieces with as much pizazz and importance as this one. I assure you, on the other side of the coin, that OSR will drop no bombshells without at first advising you that we are taking aim.